

Prof. Clodoveo Ferri

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Born: Cropani, Catanzaro, Italy, on March 22, 1947

Professional register: Order of Physicians, Province of Pisa, Italy(registration no. 1042 of 20/7/73)

Qualification: Full Professor of Rheumatology

Career:

1972: Degree with Honors in Medicine and Surgery, University of Pisa

1978: Specialization in Rheumatology, University of Pisa

1979: Specialization in Internal Medicine, University of Pisa

Healthcare & academic activity:

- 1972-2002: Rheumatology Unit, Univ. Pisa (Associate Professor of Rheumatology)
- from Dec 31, 2002 to Nov 31, 2017: Full Professor and Director of the Chair and Rheumatology Unit, University Hospital-Policlinico of Modena

Director of the School of Specialization in Rheumatology, Univ. of Modena-RE.

Director of the Interdepartmental Center for Rare Lung Diseases (MaRP)

President of the College of Full Professors of Rheumatology: September 2012 - October 2018

Member of the National Commission for ASN-MIUR in SC 06/D3, 2016-2018.

Membership of Scientific Societies:

- Italian Society of Rheumatology (SIR)
- Italian Group for the Study of Cryoglobulinemia (GISC-ALCRI)
- International Fellow American College of Rheumatology (ACR)

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Research Activity

1. Etiopathogenetic studies (viruses, silicon nanoparticles), clinical-therapeutic and survival studies on two systemic rheumatic diseases:

- mixed cryoglobulinemia (cryoglobulinemic vasculitis)
- systemic sclerosis (scleroderma) including Raynaud's phenomenon

2. Role of different viruses in autoimmune, lymphoproliferative, neoplastic and rheumatic diseases:

- identification of HCV as the main trigger factor of cryoglobulinemic vasculitis
- possible role of HEV and HBV in mixed cryoglobulinemia
- identification of HCV as a trigger factor in a significant percentage of 'idiopathic' B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas
- HCV in porphyria cutanea tarda
- HCV in papillary thyroid carcinoma
- HCMV, HHV-6, PV-B19, HPV in systemic sclerosis

3. Serological studies and clinical trials: rheumatoid arthritis, SLE, systemic sclerosis, Raynaud's phen., systemic vasculitis

4. Therapeutic role of plasmapheresis in cryoglobulinemic vasculitis, SLE, systemic sclerosis

5. Therapeutic role of low antigen content diet (LAC-diet): cryoglobulinemic vasculitis, IgA nephropathy

6. Coordinator (with prof. M. Matucci) of Strategic Project SIR-SPRING, national registry of patients with systemic sclerosis and Raynaud phenomenon

7. Coordinator of the project 'COVID19 and Autoimmune Systemic Diseases, Italian Study Group': studies on the impact of the COVID19 pandemic and the anti-COVID19 vaccination in chronic-inflammatory rheumatic diseases (arthritis, connective tissue diseases, vasculitis)

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Main results of the Research uninterruptedly conducted for over 50 years of career

- **23 chapters in textbooks**, among which 'Cryoglobulinaemia and Hepatitis C virus'
In EULAR Textbook on Rheumatic Diseases; Editions 2012, 2015 e 2018.
- over **450 papers published in international medical journals** (PubMed)
- **numerous international awards** for the results achieved, in particular:
 - discovery of the etiopathogenetic link of HCV in cryoglobulinemic vasculitis (1991)
and B cell NHL (1994) (see EDITORIAL Haematologica Vol. 81 No. 3 - May, 1996)
 - potential role of some viruses (HCMV, HHV-6, PV-B19) and silicon nanoparticles in
Systemic Sclerosis
- seminars and invited lectures at Italian and foreign universities and international
conferences including the NIH, Bethesda MD, USA